

HOPE FOR PEACE GROWS FAINTER

Both Italy and Turkey Are Disposed to Reject Mediation.

ANXIETY FELT IN BERLIN

Situation Is Believed to Be Fraught With International Dangers.

Berlin, October 16.—The outlook for a successful intervention to bring to an end the Turkish-Italian war is becoming less favorable, according to a semi-official statement to-day.

Italy has yielded to public opinion at home, and is no longer willing to concede a Turkish suzerainty for Tripoli, while on the other hand, Turkey is not willing to surrender Tripoli unconditionally because of the international dangers that would be involved by such yielding on the part of the government. Accordingly, diplomats here see no chance for mediation at present or until the attitude of the Turkish Chamber of Deputies is ascertained. It is impossible for other powers to negotiate definitely with Constantinople in the absence of a settled government there.

Berlin is anxious. Although yesterday's report that Emperor William had summoned the Italian ambassador, Signor Zanica, to his Majesty's hunting lodge near Eberswalde, Prussia, for a conference on the political situation, proves to have been incorrect, that ambassador did have an extended conference with the German foreign minister, Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter.

To-day the Emperor detained Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg at his hunting lodge in order that he might discuss the Turkish-Italian situation. He also postponed for several days the audience which had been arranged for tomorrow for the newly-arrived American ambassador, Mr. Leishman.

China Also Disturbed. The Chinese situation also is a most delicate one and no surprise would be felt here if it caused international negotiations to determine upon joint action by the powers. The German cruiser Gieseler, with the commander of the German Baltic squadron and a torpedo boat, have sailed for Hankow by way of Nanking.

The command of the German gunboat Tiger reports from Hankow that the American admiral has assumed command of the foreign warships at Hankow, and the Japanese admiral, Kawashima, continuing at the head of the foreign land forces.

LONG SERVICE TO GOD CLOSES

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would not return. Shortly after his return he admitted to Father O'Reilly that he had sent in his resignation to His Holiness, the Pope, and that his labors here would soon be ended.

Unusual Demonstration. The announcement brought a most unusual demonstration of affection and confidence. The priests of the diocese, without exception, joined in a petition that the resignation be withdrawn. Catholic laymen of Richmond organized a monster mass-meeting, which was held at the Bijou Theatre, when resolutions were drawn petitioning the bishop to reconsider. He finally consented to remain with the people he had served so long and who loved him so well, and a cablegram was sent to Rome just in time to save the resignation from being accepted. In fact it had been accepted, but the announcement of acceptance had not been made.

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Born in Belgium.

Rt. Rev. Augustin Van de Vyver, the sixth Bishop of Richmond, was born December 1, 1844, in the town of Haesdonck, East Flanders, Belgium, and made his early studies in the city of St. Nicholas. Strongly inclined to the priesthood from his childhood, he determined to work in the missionary field of America, he entered the American College at Louvain in 1867, where he completed with high honors the regular course. He was raised to the priesthood at Brussels in the private chapel of the Apostolic Nuncio to Belgium on July 24, 1870. Shortly after his ordination he came to Virginia, which had since been the scene of his labors. Since then, as an assistant at the cathedral, pastor at Harper's Ferry and its missions, vicar-general and administrator of the diocese, and as bishop, he constantly manifested those qualities which endeared him to all the people. When Bishop Keane was appointed to the bishopric of the Catholic University and the See of Richmond made vacant, the eyes of the church authorities unanimously turned to him as the best man for the position. In fact, the priests of the diocese forwarded to Rome a special petition requesting that he be appointed bishop.

Consecrated in 1880.

Bishop Van de Vyver himself endeavored to resist the movement to make him the successor to Bishop Keane, and would have declined the honor, but for the assurances that those in higher station knew of his fitness and ability. He received the episcopal consecration on October 29, 1880, enjoying the rare distinction of having among the consecrating bishops his two illustrious predecessors, His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, and the Most Rev. John Joseph Keane, at that time the right reverend rector of the Washington Catholic University, and now Archbishop of Dubuque.

The consecration took place in the historic old St. Peter's Cathedral, at Eighth and Grace Streets, under the altar of which lies the body of Bishop John McMillan.

The new bishop threw himself vigorously into the work, bringing to bear on it the same talents that had made him successful as administrator of the diocese. New parishes were begun, parochial schools opened, and additional charitable institutions erected. He is spoken of by writers of the period as a "pleasant speaker, whose words mark the man of culture, in the calm student of books and of human nature, and the devoted pastor." He was often very eloquent, but his addresses were usually modeled for practical instruction, intended to reach into the daily lives of the people. With it all, his pastoral work was not without a certain amount of the multitudinous details of management of the diocese.

Busy Life as Bishop.

One of the events of interest to Catholics shortly after his elevation to the bishopric was the laying of the cornerstone of St. Joseph's church, Petersburg, where Bishop Van de Vyver officiated, assisted by an unusually large number of church dignitaries. The cornerstone was laid on Sunday, July 1, 1891, special trains being run from all parts of the State, bringing delegations from various episcopal sees. A special train brought the bishop to the death on June 10, 1897, at sea, of his lifelong friend, Archbishop Tamm. At the funeral in New Orleans, Bishop Van de Vyver celebrated the pontifical solemn mass. On June 9, 1896, occurred the consecration in old St. Peter's Cathedral of Rt. Rev. Benjamin J. Kelly, Bishop of Savannah. He was a brother of Judge Kelly, formerly Mayor of Richmond. Cardinal Gibbons presided, assisted by Bishop Van de Vyver, Norfolk and Monaghan.

In 1905 Bishop Van de Vyver made his second "ad limina" visit to Rome, where the Supreme Pontiff expressed his pleasure at the excellent report which the bishop was able to give concerning the Richmond diocese. The bishop returned in time to take part in the celebration of the golden jubilee of the dedication of St. Mary's German Church in this city, on December 8, 1905. In 1906 Bishop Van de Vyver published general statistics showing the growth of the Catholic Church in Virginia since Bishop Whelan took charge in 1841. The Catholic population had then grown from 3,000 to more than 26,000 and from four priests to fifty-four.

Opened New Parishes.

During Bishop Van de Vyver's service as bishop, new parishes have been consecrated as follows: St. Vincent De Paul's Church, Newport News; St. James, Falls Church; Sacred Heart, Norfolk; The Holy Paraclete, Charlottesville; St. Joseph's, for colored people, Norfolk; Sacred Heart, Manchester; Sacred Heart, Prince George county; Sacred Heart, Danville, and a new parish at Berkeley. The Sacred Heart Church, Manchester, with its school, was the gift of Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan. Since the advent of Bishop Van de Vyver church buildings have been erected or rebuilt at Portsmouth, Roanoke, Petersburg, Staunton, Manchester, Norfolk, Lynchburg, Falls Church, Port Monroe, Newport News, Keyser, Henry, Elk Garden, Germania, Hot Springs, Covington, Shepherdstown, Charlestown, Woodstock, Kilmarnock, Hague, Harrisonburg, Colonial Beach, West Point and in Prince George county. The church at Harrisonburg was the gift of Mrs. Ryan.

Education and Charity.

In educational institutions, Old Point Comfort College, near Port Monroe, was founded in 1879, under the auspices of the Benedictine monks, and the new Benedictine College, opened this year in Richmond. Excellent preparatory schools, under parochial auspices, have been established in Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News. Four industrial schools have been inaugurated by Bishop Van de Vyver, two for white and two for colored youths. St. Joseph's Institute, at Bristol, is for white boys, under the Benedictine Fathers, and St. Anne's Charitable Institute, also at Bristol, under the Benedictine nuns, is for white girls. The colored industrial schools are located at Rock Castle, St. Emma's Trade School for Boys, founded and supported by Colonel and Mrs. Morrell, and the Institute of St. Francis, for colored girls, supported by Mother Catherine Drexel, of Philadelphia. There are four orphan asylums in the diocese, where about 300 children are cared for. The bishop also had supervision over a number of institutions maintained by the Sisters of Charity, the Little Sisters of the Poor and of St. Vincent's Home for the Aged, at Richmond. St. Vincent's Hospital, at Norfolk, has been rebuilt, and a few years ago celebrated its golden jubilee.

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One of the most brilliant events under direction of Bishop Van de Vyver was the erection and consecration of the Catholic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, at Park Avenue and Laurel Streets. The movement for the erection of a new cathedral was projected by Bishop Keane as far back as 1882. In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan determined to erect the building, which stands as a monument to the munificence of one family, said to be the only great cathedral so constructed. The lot had been secured by Bishop Keane in 1886. The consecration of the Cathedral, surpassing any Catholic event ever held in Virginia, took place on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 29, 1906, bringing together a greater assemblage of church dignitaries than had ever before assembled in this State. His Excellency, Most Reverend Diomedes Delgado, Archbishop of Larissa and Delegate Apostolic to His Holiness, Pius X., performed the elaborate ceremony of consecrating the Cathedral.

With Bishop Van de Vyver in the chancel were two former bishops of this diocese, Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Keane. Bishop Kelley and Archbishop O'Connell, both former Virginians, also took part. The Cathedral property, embracing an entire block, has on the Shafter Street end at the corner of Floyd Avenue, the episcopal residence of the bishop of the diocese, and at the Park Avenue corner the residence of the pastor of the Cathedral parish.

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